

Bloomington Police Department

FACT SHEET

NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE IN MINNESOTA

RISK LEVEL THREE-

In addition to Level Two notifications (schools and day cares as well as establishments and organizations that primarily serve individuals likely to be victimized by the offender), law enforcement may notify other members of the community whom the offender is likely to encounter.

A Level Three offender is one whose risk assessment score indicates a high risk of re-offending.

The **Bloomington Police Department** is releasing the following information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052 which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release from prison, or a secure treatment facility, when that **Bloomington Police Department** believes that the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct or other offense that requires registration with law enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 or 243.167.

This offender is *not wanted by the police* at this time and *has served the sentence* imposed on him by the court. This notification is not intended to increase fear in the community. It is the belief of law enforcement that an informed public is a safer public.

Not the **Bloomington Police Department**, the supervising release agent, nor the Minnesota Department of Corrections may direct where the offender does or does not reside, nor can these agencies direct where he works or goes to school. The risk level of this offender has been determined based largely on his/her potential to re-offend based on his/her previous criminal behavior.

Convicted sex offenders have always been released to live in our communities, but it was not until passage of the Registration Act that law enforcement had an ability to know the residence, or track their moves after their initial release. Since the passage of the Community Notification Act law enforcement may share information about many of these offenders with the public. Abuse of this information to threaten, harass, or intimidate registered offenders may be a crime, and will not be tolerated. Such abuses could potentially end the ability of law enforcement to do these notifications. The only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex offender since many of these offenders derive their power from the opportunity that secrecy provides them.

The **Bloomington Police Department** is available to help you by providing you and your family with useful information on personal safety. The **Bloomington Police Department** may be reached at (952) 563-4900. If you want to report criminal activity of this or any other offender please call 911.

James Ernest Williams, Jr.
5/15/1962

OID: 175444

Race: Black Hispanic: No
Height: 6' 01" Eyes: Brown
Weight: 214 lbs. Hair: Black
Build: Medium

Conviction statute(s): 609.322, 609.344.1(b)

Offense: Offender has a history of sexual contact with juvenile females and promoting prostitution. Believed to have met victims in malls. Mr. Williams has registered his residence with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as being in the 8000 block of Thomas Avenue South.

Work Address: Currently unemployed

Bloomington Police Department contact: Detective Hanson, 952 -563-8812
Bloomington Police Department General number: 952-563-4900

